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J.R. No. 35

A JOINT RESOLUTION

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(For a favorable report on a bill where a "committee substitute" was recommended by the committee.)

COMMITTEE REPORT

Date 4-29-71

HON. G. F. (GUS) MUTSCHER

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir:

We, your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred H. J. R. No. 35, have had the same under consideration and beg to report back with recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

Committee Substitute was recommended and is to be printed in lieu of the original bill.

The Bill was reported from Committee by the following vote:

Unanimous voice vote

Majority voice vote

Vote of _____ ayes and _____ nays.

John G. McGeary
Chairman.

(A "committee substitute" in the case of a bill is in the form of two suggested amendments, a new body and a new caption. Under the Rules a committee may authorize the printing of the "committee substitute" in lieu of the original bill. If the original caption is adequate, the "committee substitute" should be only a new body; and in such case the original caption should be printed along with the suggested new body.)

1 By: Williams H. J. R. No. 35
2 (In the House. --Filed February 18, 1971; February 22, 1971, Read first
3 time and referred to Committee on Constitutional Amendments: April 29,
4 1971, reported favorably, as amended, by unanimous voice vote, sent to
5 Printer.)
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21 COMMITTEE ROOM

22 Austin, Texas, April 29, 1971

23 Hon. G. F. (Gus) Mutscher, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

24 SIR: We, your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was
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28 original bill.

29 John A. Traeger, Chairman

30 BILL ANALYSIS

31 Background: The veterans of recent wars have been disabled to a greater
32 extent than in any prior wars because of the development of new weapons.
33 Because of their disabilities and because of the service they perform for
34 the citizens of the State of Texas, it is felt that any financial help that
35 could be given them would be most helpful.

36 Purpose: To provide a tax exemption for certain property owned by a dis-
37 abled veteran and the surviving spouse and minor children of a disabled
38 veteran.

39 Section by Section Analysis:

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42 and minor children of the disabled veteran. A disabled veteran is one who
43 is classified as such by the Veterans' Administration and his disabilities
44 must be certified by that Agency. He must be certified as being more than
45 10% disabled in order to qualify. The scale is:

46 10%-30% an exemption for property valued at up to \$1,500.

47 30%-50% " 2,000.

48 50%-70% " 2,500.

49 70%-100% or less than 10% but over 65 years old, or a disability
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51 both eyes, or paraplegia may be granted exemption up to \$3,000.

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57 Summary of Committee Action: Unanimous voice vote.

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Floor Amendment No. 1

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Amend H. J. R. No. 35, Section 2 (b), Second Printing,
line ~~46~~⁴⁷ after the word "agency". Delete the ☐ ☐ ☐
and substitute the following:

"; or the military service in which he served."

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READ AND ADOPTED

Dorothy Hallman
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By: Williams

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Austin, Texas

May 21, 1971

Hon. Ben Barnes
President of the Senate

Sir:

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Lieutenant Governor
President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

H.J.R. No. 35

I hereby certify that H.J.R. No. 35 was adopted by the House on May 18, 1971, by the following vote: Yeas 140, Nays 0 and 1 present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I hereby certify that H.J.R. No. 35 was adopted by the Senate on May 27, 1971, by the following vote: Yeas 28, Nays 1 and 1 present not voting.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

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The Honorable Martin Dies
Secretary of State

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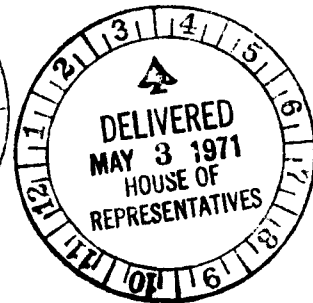
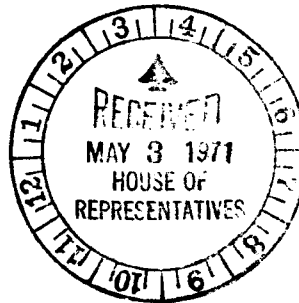
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DATE MAY 18 1971

READ AND ADOPTED

Dorothy Hallman
CHIEF CLERK
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*as amended by 14 ayes,
0 nays, 1 present*

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MOTION TO RECONSIDER THE VOTE BY
WHICH HJR-35 WAS
ADOPTED / PASSED AND TO TABLE THE MOTION TO RECON-
SIDER PREVAILED PASSED BY A yea record VOTE OF
Dorothy Hallman
CHIEF CLERK HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRINTED, DISTRIBUTED AND

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON

RULES 3.30 P M.
(Time)

MAY 3 1971
(Date)

MAY 18 1971

SENT TO ENGRAVING CLERK

By: Williams

2 H.J.R. No. 35

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas.

- 2-18-71 Filed.....
- 2-22-71 Read first time and referred to Committee on Constitutional
Amendments.....
- 4-29-71 Reported favorably as amended, sent to printer.....
- 5- 3-71 Printed, distributed and referred to Committee on Rules
at 3:30 p.m.....
- 5-18-71 Read and adopted as amended by the following vote: Yeas 140,
Nays 0, and 1 present not voting.....

Dorothy Hallman
Chief Clerk, H. of R.

- 5-18-71 Sent to Engrossing Clerk.....
- 5-18-71 Engrossed.....


Engrossing Clerk, H. of R.

MAY 18 1971

RETURNED FROM ENGROSSING CLERK

SENT TO SENATE

MAY 18 1971

Received from the House

MAY 19 1971

Read, referred to Committee on Constitutional Amendments

MAY 21 1971

Reported favorably. _____

Reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute; Committee Substitute read first time.

Ordered not printed. _____

MAY 26 1971

Regular order of business suspended by

(unanimous consent)

(23) yeas, 7 nays.

To permit consideration, reading and passage, Senate and Constitutional Rules suspended by vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays.

MAY 26 1971

Read second time And passed to third reading.

Caption ordered amended to conform to body of bill.

MAY 26 1971

Senate and Constitutional 3-Day Rules failed to suspended by vote of

23 yeas, 7 nays to place bill on third reading and final passage.

MAY 27 1971

Read third time and passed by

(a viva-voce vote.

(28) yeas, 1 nay, 1 present + not voting

OTHER ACTION:

* MAY 27 1971 Regular
order of business sus-
pended by a vote of
27 yeas, 3 nays

[Signature]

Secretary of the Senate

RETURNED FROM SENATE

MAY 27 1971

[Signature]

MAY 27 1971

Returned to HOUSE